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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the East, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, and about steady in the West. Demand was light to moderate, best into fast food channels and for active retail features. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was limited to fair. Breast items were irregular, but available, and wings were sufficient to close balanced. Dark meat was in the longest position with leg quarters often discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on February 9, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	137.50
BREASTS - B/S	111.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
LEG QUARTERS	24.50
WINGS	100.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for ads and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Breast items were mixed, but available, and wings were sufficient. Dark meat was in the longest position, particularly leg quarters, with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate. Offerings ranged from about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. Fast food movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally sufficient, with B/S breast in some locations in a increased negotiable position. Leg quarters were readily available and slow to clear. Wings and thighs were adequate, and drumsticks were usually fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to occasionally barely steady. Offerings were light on limited to fair trade call. Demand was irregular; some locations noted increased movement while others saw interest slowing and light. Retail features and fast food promotions drew best interest. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to light. Supplies of dark meat cuts were plentiful and discounted, breast cuts adequate and wings were in close balance. The market tone was steady on wings, steady to barely steady on breast items and cautiously steady to weak on leg quarters.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample, with heavy weights in the longest position for current needs. Demand was fairly good overall, best to stores where features in progress and restaurants. Floor stocks in fair balance. The market tone was barely steady on dark meat items and about steady on white meat items.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 4, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 4, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 4, 2006 were 871 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/04/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,110	213,234	0
CHICKS PLACED	173,835	172,928	+01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Mar-06 is estimated at 160.3 million head. This compares to 160.5 million head the previous week and to 162.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.97 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	690	95.00-165.00	98-105	103.78	BREAST - B/S	641	93.00-155.00	-	103.74
TENDERLOINS	213	78.00-142.00	-	87.89	TENDERLOINS	228	80.00-145.00	-	87.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	54.00-61.00	55-58	57.03	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	226	30.00-42.00	32-35	34.04	LEGS	281	29.00-42.00	30-32	32.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	18.00-25.00	21-22	21.31	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	624	17.00-24.00	19-20	19.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	975	21.00-29.00	22-24	23.06	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	20.00-29.00	22-23	22.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-100.00	94-98	96.44	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-100.00	92-95	95.42
WINGS (CUT)	310	100.00-116.00	110-114	109.94	WINGS (CUT)	370	105.00-116.00	109-112	111.82
DRUMSTICKS	66	31.00-42.00	-	32.00	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	146	86.00-100.00	-	89.47	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		
39.00-45.00		40.87			37.50-44.00		40.79		
							5-DAY AVERAGE		
							40.73		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was only fair and slowing as dealers cautiously assess further market developments. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were irregular but at least adequate; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient for current needs. Thighs and wings were in fairly good position, drumsticks were usually adequate, and leg quarters were fully adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was generally steady but some caution on breast items. Leg quarters were at best barely steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	115	102.95	661,000		BREAST - B/S	115	104.96	661,800	
TENDERLOINS	90-95	91.93	143,720		TENDERLOINS	90-95	95.26	144,300	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	67.07	77,120		BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	67.19	92,160	
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	58.75	72,000		BREAST - LINE RUN	57	57.33	54,000	
LEGS	39-40	39.51	267,200		LEGS	39-40	38.96	277,680	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.61	379,280		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.00	309,400	
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	36.79	125,070		DRUMSTICKS	30-31	31.70	171,080	
THIGHS	33-34	38.74	93,345		THIGHS	33-34	39.83	63,680	
B/S THIGHS	100-101	94.18	99,640		B/S THIGHS	100-101	95.50	86,320	
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	100.96	167,720		WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	98.93	199,360	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.25	24,960		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.59	17,840	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	48.77	11,344		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	46.58	6,501	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	53.34	22,560		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.40	24,680	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,776	3,916	3,871	4,190	5.42	5.28	3,849	5.50
Arkansas	5,243	5,380	5,341	5,006	5.23	4.96	5,241	5.21
Delmarva	2,291	2,289	2,290	2,559	5.81	5.68	2,340	5.81
KY-LA-TN	2,303	2,281	2,149	2,657	4.66	5.12	2,246	5.28
Mississippi	3,056	3,091	3,133	3,253	5.74	5.57	2,940	5.88
North Carolina	2,566	2,568	2,108	3,082	6.90	6.97	2,549	6.77
Texas	2,490	2,477	2,552	2,513	5.30	5.17	2,522	5.21
Total	21,725	22,002	21,444	23,075	5.52	5.49	21,687	5.61
Mon-Wed	64,924(B)				64,700(B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Feb-06 is estimated to be 32,503,000 head down 0.13 percent from a week ago and up 10.16 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,544,000, last year 29,505,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Feb-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/11/06 (1)	02/04/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	167,962 (2)	164,986
Light hens	1,366	1,384
Heavy hens	1,368	1,467
Total	170,696	167,840

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Feb-06 is 164.0 million head compared to 156.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.3 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Feb-06 the estimated available is 164.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/06/06	54,278	75,253
AM 01/01/06	31,772	67,392
CHG	22,506	7,861
PCT CHG	71	12

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/06/06	01/30/06	02/07/05	02/06/06	01/30/06	02/07/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,233	2,203	1,741	9,366	5,865	6,994
LOS ANGELES	38	43	62	3,374	3,049	3,923

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2006

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 76-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 77-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 2/07/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	.40	.23	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	.80	.57	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.15	1.25	.63	RABBITS ea.	.50	.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	35						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 3, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	43.26	121.14	64.90	12.98	4.33	77.87
High	69.22	129.79	69.22	17.31	8.65	77.87
Mostly	69.22	125.46	64.90	17.31	4.33	77.87

SAN JUAN

Low	43.26	125.46	69.22	12.98	4.33	82.20
High	69.22	129.79	73.55	17.31	8.65	82.20
Mostly	69.22	129.79	69.22	17.31	4.33	82.20

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	43.26	125.46	69.22	12.98	4.33	77.87
High	69.22	129.79	73.55	17.31	8.65	77.87
Mostly	69.22	125.46	69.22	12.98	4.33	77.87

BECERRA

Low	45.43	129.79	73.55	17.31	4.33	82.20
High	71.39	138.44	77.87	21.63	8.65	82.20
Mostly	71.39	134.12	73.55	17.31	4.33	82.20

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to tight on the 3.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, leg quarters were competitively priced in an effort to attract additional buying interest. Other items were adequate to fully adequate and were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily and/or at manageable levels.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	56-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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